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SUBJ: TRAVEL TO BEIRUT BY USG EMPLOYEES

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1. THE SECURITY SITUATION IN BEIRUT AND LEBANON IN GENERAL REMAINS UNSTABLE. THE RECENT VIOLENCE IN NORTH LEBANON COUPLED WITH THE CONTINUED PRECARIOUS SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON HAS CREATED A STATE OF TENSION AND UNCERTAINTY WHICH COULD PRODUCE FURTHER VIOLENT INCIDENTS, IF NOT A MAJOR OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING.

2. WE HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE THAT USG SUBORDINATE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN SPECIFICALLY TARGETED, BUT THE RISK OF INJURY THROUGH ACCIDENT RATHER THAN DESIGN IS GREAT AND WILL INCREASE IN INTENSITY IF THE SITUATION DETERIORATES. BECAUSE WE BELIEVE SUCH RISKS ARE DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL USG PERSONNEL IN COUNTRY, WE ARE UPDATING OUR COUNTRY CLEARANCE GUIDANCE TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF TDY PERSONNEL TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

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3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEPARTMENT'S STANDING INSTRUCTION (STATE 301791 OF DEC 11, 1976 - NOTAL), ALL REPEAT ALL OFFICIAL USG PERSONNEL, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, SHOULD OBTAIN POST'S AND DEPARTMENT'S AUTHORIZATION (COUNTRY CLEARANCE) BEFORE ANY TRAVEL TO LEBANON IS UNDERTAKEN, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH TRAVEL IS OFFICIAL OR PERSONAL. MILITARY PERSONNEL MUST ALSO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM USCINCEUR AND DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE (DAO) BEIRUT.

4. TRAVEL TO LEBANON BY USG PERSONNEL IS RESTRICTED TO OFFICIAL BUSINESS ONLY.

5. THE SPECIFIC PROCEDURES TO BE FOLLOWED TO OBTAIN TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION/COUNTRY CLEARANCE ARE AS FOLLOWS: AT LEAST SEVEN (7) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO PLANNED TRAVEL, VISITOR MUST REQUEST TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE (LOU) TELEGRAM TO BEIRUT, INFO SECSTATE WASHDC, GIVING 1) DATES OF PROPOSED TRAVEL, 2) PURPOSE OF VISIT, 3) LENGTH OF PROPOSED VISIT, AND 4) IF POSSIBLE, PROPOSED ITINERY, FLIGHT NUMBERS AND ETA.

6. ALL REPEAT ALL OFFICIAL TRAVELERS ARE MET BY POST SECURITY PERSONNEL. THEREFORE, UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY VISITOR ATTEMPT TO PROCEED FROM AIRPORT TERMINAL/ENTRY POINT WITHOUT EMBASSY ESCORT. IF THERE ARE NO POST SECURITY PERSONNEL AT THE AIRPORT, WHEN YOU ARRIVE, TELEPHONE THE EMBASSY FROM THE OFFICE OF THE TOURIST POLICE IN THE AIRPORT.
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